

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the “Brief Description of the Drawings” section of the specification as follows:

Figure 1 is a schematic illustration of a marker of the present invention having a dog bone shape.

Figure 2 is a schematic cross-sectional view of the marker shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a schematic illustration of a marker of the present invention having a barbell shape.

Figure 4 is a schematic illustration of a marker of the present invention having a rod shape.

Figure 5 is a schematic illustration of a marker of the present invention having a tubular shape.

Figure [[1]] 6 illustrates a magnetic resonance image of Marker A, a stainless steel marker available from Johnson and Johnson under the trade name Mammotome.

Figure [[2]] 7 illustrates a magnetic resonance image of Marker B, a stainless steel marker available from SenoRx, Aliso Viejo, CA under the trade name Ultracor.

Figure [[3]] 8 illustrates a magnetic resonance image of Marker C, a stainless steel marker available from SenoRx, Aliso Viejo, CA under the trade name Biopsy site Marker.

Figure [[4]] 9 illustrates a magnetic resonance image of Marker D, a titanium alloy marker available from Artemis, Hayward, CA.

Figure [[5]] 10 illustrates a magnetic resonance image of Marker E, a stainless steel alloy marker available from Inrad, Kentwood, MI.

Figure [[6]] 11 illustrates a magnetic resonance image of Marker F, a carbon coated zirconium oxide marker included in one embodiment of the present invention.

Please add the following new paragraph to the “Detailed Description” section of the specification immediately after the paragraph ending on page 13, line 15:

Figs. 1-5 are schematic views of various embodiments described herein having generally elongate shapes. Fig. 1 illustrates a marker 10 according to one embodiment having a dog bone shape. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the marker 10 shown in Fig. 1 along line A-A. The marker 10 includes a substrate 12 and a generally continuous coating 14 disposed over the substrate 12. Fig. 3 illustrates a marker 30 according to another embodiment having a barbell shape. Fig. 4 illustrates a marker 40 according to another embodiment having a rod shape. Fig. 5 illustrates a marker 50 according to another embodiment having a tubular shape.